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Art Unit : 1713
Examiner : Peter D. Mulcahy
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Inventors : Pierre Reynes
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Title : BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL Docket No.: 1059-01
 : BASED ON POLYMER AND
 : CEREAL FLOUR, METHOD FOR Confirmation No.: 5211
 : MAKING SAME AND USES

Dated: April 26, 2002

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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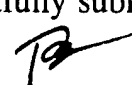
This is in response to the Official Action dated March 29, 2002.

We acknowledge the requirement for restriction dividing the case into Group I, including Claims 1 - 9, and Group II, including Claims 10 - 12. We note that Claims 13 and 14 have not been accounted for. We respectfully submit that Claim 14 should clearly fall within Group I and Claim 13, being dependent on Claim 11, should fall within Group II. Clarification is respectfully requested.

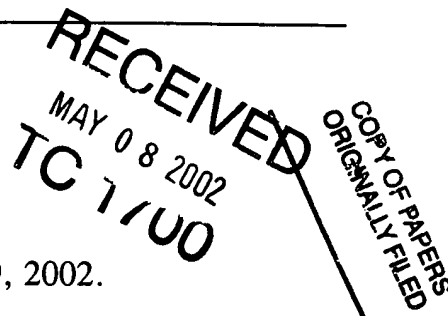
For the sake of completeness, the Applicants elect Group I, including Claims 1 - 9, with traverse. With respect to the election of species, the Applicants elect cornmeal as the cereal grain flour and polypropylene as the polymer.

We note that all of the claims in Group II, including 10 - 12, all depend from Claim 1, either directly or indirectly, and are accordingly linked thereto. We respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that all of the claims be examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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